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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

1. From 10 to 12 June 1955, AA record firing practices were daily held in the area southwest of Apetlon as follows: 25X1

From 0700 to 1700 on 10 and 11 June 1955, medium AA guns and sometimes also heavy AA guns fired with varying breaks at moving air targets which were towed by a twin-piston-engine aircraft. Participation of heavy AA guns was deduced from the fact that, on the occasion of some firing practices, the windows of the buildings in the area of the town vibrated due to the heavy reports which had never been observed at previous firing practices with medium AA guns. From 0800 to 1800 on 12 June 1955, medium AA guns fired with various interruptions at undetermined targets.¹

2. On 14 June 1955, two motor columns which came from the direction of Illmitz or Wallern passed through Apetlon and went toward the AAA camp. The first column consisted of an undetermined number of motor vehicles which included trucks all with drivers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and each towing a medium AA gun, and truck also with a driver wearing red-bordered black epaulets, which towed a searchlight. The second column consisted of 5 trucks, with a driver wearing red-bordered black epaulets, each with a heavy AA gun as was observed on 13 March 1955.¹ 25X1

3. From 9 to 14 June motor vehicles passed through Apetlon from the direction of or toward the AAA camp as specified below: 25X1

9 June. Trucks all with drivers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. 25X1

10 June. Trucks with drivers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. 25X1

11 June. Jeep trucks and van-like motor vehicles all with drivers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. 25X1

12 June. Trucks all with drivers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. 25X1

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13 June. Trucks [] with drivers wearing red-bordered black epaulets.

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14 June. Van-like motor vehicle [], jeep [] and trucks [], all with drivers wearing red-bordered black epaulets.²

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1. [] Comment. In August 1954 and in March and April 1955, heavy AA guns, possibly of 100 mm, have been observed in Apetlon. [] It is still undetermined to what units or which stations these guns belong. One of the motor-vehicle [] reported from the column mentioned in the present report presumably belongs to the air force.

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2. [] Comment. In so far as the motor-vehicle [] can be identified, the bulk of the motor vehicles has come from stations of the air force.

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